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In re Application of: Lippard, S.J., et al.

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For: *Fluorescein-Based Metal Sensors, and
Methods of Making and Using the Same*

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) Art Unit: 1641

) Examiner: Mary Ceperley

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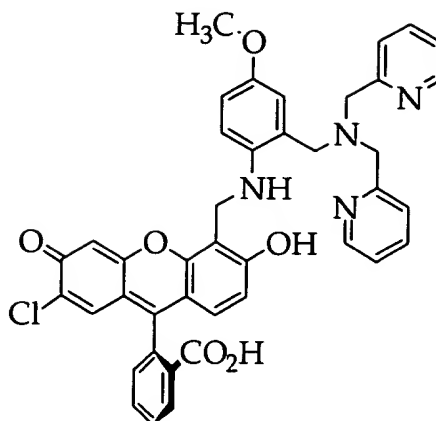
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Madam:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement of December 30, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-11, 20-30, and 48. Further, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species of formula 48, depicted below:


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For a restriction requirement to be valid, the Examiner must establish that the search and examination of the entire application cannot be made without serious burden. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. (M.P.E.P § 803). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of all claims simultaneously.

Any questions raised by this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 832-1000. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**.

Respectfully submitted,
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